



**Wow! Look at the fantastic topics about which teachers are sharing their expertise with you during breakout sessions:**

<b>Make it So! Engage!</b>	Learn how to create a safe classroom environment and use research-based teaching strategies to build your students' self-efficacy of abilities, optimize participatory and risk-taking behaviors and raise academic achievement.
<b>Embedding Formative Assessment Lessons</b>	Learn how to use formative assessment lessons and incorporate them into the math schedule.
<b>One Teacher's Growth: Exploring the Connection Between LDC and PGES</b>	Explore the way LDC "hardwires" the multiple measures of the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System into its design. Witness both the growth of implementation of LDC and the connection to teacher effectiveness through the lens of a teacher. Gain strategies for implementing LDC and documenting quality evidence of teacher effectiveness.
<b>Making Students Think: Instructional Practices that Facilitate Critical Thinking in the Social Studies Classroom</b>	Reinvent the history classroom away from notes and lecture by creating standards-based writing prompts for units, developing daily learning targets, and utilizing primary and secondary source documents to create hands-on experiences for high school students. Experiment with instructional and planning practices that have changed the way our students interact with historical content. Walk away with multiple resources for developing unit plans and strategies to incorporate more reading and writing into Social Studies classrooms.
<b>Introduction to CIITS and PD360</b>	Receive an overview of the many tools included in the CIITS platform, including lesson planning, scheduling, test proctoring, professional growth and evaluation. Explore the many tools for professional growth included in PD360.
<b>Writing for Related Arts Teachers</b>	Learn easy strategies for incorporating writing into any classroom. Engage in discussion of writing activities, managing long-term writing assignments, and providing constructive feedback to young writers.
<b>How to do more with less!</b>	Obtain a structure for creating instruction that creates rich experiences for students while still allowing access to content.
<b>Incorporating Technology in the Classroom</b>	Technology to be discussed and demonstrated for the classroom in this session will be Einstruction "clickers", the Insight 360 Classroom Instruction System, Apple TV, Wordpress, and more.
<b>Using Their Eyes</b>	Our students with special needs/Autism need many visual cues or items to be able to function in their environments each day. This session will visually assist you in developing visual items/cues/strategies to use in your classroom each day.
<b>Work Smarter not Harder: Challenging Students through Formative Assessment Learning</b>	The new common core standards go through the "Productive Struggles" in answering and solving rigorous activities. Taking time to properly incorporate these lessons into the classroom can encourage students in constructing viable arguments and reasoning with their peers.
<b>Self-Paced: Our Version of the Flipped Classroom</b>	From the roots to our results, come see how we have transformed our traditional classroom into a performance-based flipped environment. Learn how to become a true facilitator of learning.
<b>The Power of the Graphic Novel</b>	Gain newfound student engagement for multiple contents through the use of graphic novels. Learn to use this untapped medium to pair with other text & tech standards-based skills.

<b>Leading Change from the Bottom Up</b>	Researched based, this session will describe the obstacles to generating momentum for sustained school improvement, including hiring decisions and creating a risk-safe culture for innovation.
<b>ACT Preparation &amp; Success: An Inclusive Strategy</b>	Simulate a test prep session, and learn the basics of culturally engaging instruction, so practice can be adjusted to individual classrooms. Get the most out of this session by attending “Culturally Engaging Instruction: Practical Solutions for closing the Achievement Gap,” which details the theory behind this strategy.
<b>Culturally Engaging Instruction: Practical Solutions for Closing the Achievement Gap</b>	Explore your own identity and recognize the interplay of cultural messages and identity to better understand students from diverse backgrounds. With a better understanding of how personal identity shapes experience, instructional strategies can be planned that will draw in students who generally underperform and increase student learning.
<b>I Choose C: Common Core Collaboration Creativity</b>	Explore the importance of effective teaching of the Common Core through practical resources, networking and collaboration
<b>Talking LCD in Social Studies</b>	Presenters from each content grade level (Freshman Government, Sophomore World History, and Junior U.S. History) will provide practical LDC module examples with appropriate leveled skills based activities.
<b>Literacy Strategies to Engage All Learners!</b>	Learn how to integrate reading strategies such as timed reading and engaging vocabulary reviews into you content area and use LDC.
<b>Allowing Students to Take Ownership of Their MAP Data</b>	Often students are left in the dark about what the data means, and what implications the test can have. This session will focus on strategies for all students to take ownership of the MAP Data.
<b>An Effective Way to Promote Student Growth</b>	Learn the benefits of workplans, how to create them and how to implement workplans in ANY classroom.
<b>National Board and Teacher Quality</b>	The Danielson Framework is “what good teaching looks like”. The National Board is “how you do it”. Attend this session to learn how PGES and National Board are related.
<b>National Board and Common Core</b>	Learn about the close connection between Common Core and the National Board process.
<b>Fluency—More than Automatic Recall</b>	Come prepared to engage in small group professional conversation using common core standards for mathematics in elementary grades as the foundation around the concept of mathematical fluency.
<b>Pizza with Friends--A Formative Assessment Lesson on Fractions</b>	Obtain help in assessing how well your students are able to model addition and subtraction of fractions. Learn how to implement a formative assessment lesson into math instruction.
<b>Tech Talk!</b>	Obtain free tech tools to use in the elementary classroom. Learn practical uses for teaching with technology. Tools include: Edmodo, Scootpad, todaysmeet.com, Class Dojo, and more!
<b>PGES: Developing “SMART” Student Growth Goals and Professional Growth Plans</b>	Learn and practice how to write “SMART” goals and incorporate them into your growth goals for students and into your plan for your own professional growth, components of the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES).

